

secution of his plan; *Provided however*, that no class or scheme, shall be drawn until the said Littell shall have deposited in the treasury of the western shore a number of copies of every book which shall be proposed to be sold thereby, equal to one-tenth of the whole number of copies of such book proposed to be sold or distributed by such class or scheme; *Provided*, said Littell shall not be authorised to distribute any thing but books, by virtue of this act; *And provided*, that no book shall be sold or distributed under authority of this act which shall not have been previously approved of by the governor and council.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the said Littell shall have full power and authority to contract with any person or persons to aid him in the performance of the conditions of this act, or to sell and dispose of the privileges hereby given.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the copies to be delivered to the state shall be disposed of as follows: Five copies shall be deposited in a state library for the use of the executive and legislative branches of this government, and the remaining copies shall be distributed throughout the state by direction of the legislature, to form so many public libraries, or parts of public libraries, and shall be open to the free use of every citizen, with no other regulations and restrictions than may be necessary to their safety and usefulness.

4. *And be it enacted*, That previous to the sale of any tickets under this act, the said Littell shall give bond to the state for the faithful execution of the trust hereby created, in such sum, and with such securities, as the judges of the city court of Baltimore may deem necessary and approve; the right, however, is reserved to the legislature of this state to repeal this act at any time, which repeal shall go into operation after one year from the day it is passed.

## CHAP. CCXXIX.

An Additional Supplement to the Act concerning Crimes and Punishments. Passed Mar 12 1827

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That there be erected an additional building at the Maryland Penitentiary, by extending the present wing one hundred and seventy feet, under the direction and management of the directors, and they are hereby authorised to contract for all materials necessary for the said additional building, and to proceed to the erection of the same as soon as practicable; *Provided*, that the said directors shall, before they contract for any of said materials, issue proposals for the supply of the same, and insert the same twice a week, for six successive weeks, in two of the newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, and the different proposals made to them shall be preserved by the clerk of the directors, and laid before the next general assembly if required.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the directors shall, as far as practicable, employ the convicts in the preparation of the materials, and in the erection of said building; and for any payments on account of the contracts for said materials, the board of directors are authorised to draw on the treasurer of the western shore, who is required to pay said drafts out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.